

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
VERNON TOWN COUNCIL
October 17, 2006**

Senior Center 2nd Floor Conference Room, 26 Park Place, Vernon, Connecticut

Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D. called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

The Clerk called the roll as follows:

Present: Council Members Daniel E. Anderson, Bill F. Campbell, Mark S. Etre, Bill Fox, Marie A. Herbst, Jason L. McCoy, Brian R. Motola, Pauline A. Schaefer, Connie Simon, Christy N. Vale; 10.

Absent: Council Members Daniel A. Champagne, Mary A. Oliver; 2.

Entered During Meeting: Council Member Mary A. Oliver (8:03 p.m.); 1.

Also Present: Mayor Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Recording Secretary Karin Z. Pike.

CITIZEN'S FORUM:

Joseph Michalewicz, 53 Lawrence Street, thanked the Town for the progress being made regarding Lawrence Street. He also spoke regarding his concern for the children in the neighborhood pertaining to the sinkholes on his property and the poor road conditions which cause flooding.

No other residents wished to speak and Citizen's Forum was closed at 7:35 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

None.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2006, AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED. The motion was carried unanimously 8 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Members McCoy and Schaefer abstained.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Request for Tax Refunds – Current and Prior Fiscal Year(s).
2. Request the Town Council approve the appointment of Tamara Bojarski as Assistant Municipal Agent for Elderly Persons.
3. Request the Town Council to approve the cancellation of the regular meeting scheduled for November 7, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS (CONSENT ITEMS):

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved TO APPROVE C.N.B. 1 THROUGH AND INCLUDING C.N.B 3 AS FOLLOWS:

C.N.B. 1. Request for Tax Refunds – Current and Prior Year(s).

THE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES SEVEN (7) TAX REFUNDS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,276.39 AND FOUR (4) TAX REFUNDS FOR THE PRIOR YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,827.73, AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE COLLECTOR OF REVENUE DATED OCTOBER 11, 2006 TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

(A copy of the memorandum is appended to these minutes and marked as “Appendix A.”)

C.N.B. 2. Request the Town Council to approve the Mayor’s reappointment of Tamara Bojarski, 53 Hartl Drive, to serve as Assistant Municipal Agent for Elderly Persons. said term to expire on November 1, 2010.

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TAMARA BOJARSKI TO SERVE AS ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL AGENT FOR ELDERLY PERSONS, SAID TERM TO EXPIRE ON NOVEMBER 1, 2010.

C.N.B. 3. Request the Town Council to cancel the regular meeting of November 7, 2006.

The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. David Wheeler, Assessor was present for discussion/presentation/informational session relative to revaluation.

Informational.

Council Member Oliver entered the meeting (8:03 p.m.)

IDENTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Council Member Vale, seconded by Council Member McCoy, moved TO ADD:

A.A.I. 1. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS #3, 4 & 5 WERE ADDED FOR DISCUSSION.

The motion was carried unanimously 10 to 0 on a voice vote. Council Member Motola was not present at the table to vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

N.B. 1. Request the Town Council to approve the reassignment of tax liens for 200 West Main Street and West Main Street parcels.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved that LIENS FOR 200 WEST MAIN STREET AND WEST MAIN STREET PARCELS FROM 1140 DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LLC TO WEST MAIN DEVELOPMENT LLC.

Attorney Burke recommended that the motion be withdrawn. Council Members Herbst and Schaefer withdrew the motion.

N.B. 2. Request Town Council to authorize the Town Administrator and the Town Attorney to secure the services of a realtor for the sale of the vacant land known as 25 Range Hill Drive.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Schaefer, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH ORDINANCE #196 AND ORDINANCE #270, AND ALSO FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGING MAYOR ELLEN L. MARMER'S POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION, HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO SECURE THE SERVICES OF A REALTOR FOR THE SALE OF THE VACANT LAND KNOWN AS 25 RANGE HILL DRIVE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR THE MINIMUM PRICE OF \$68,000.00, WITH THE PROCEEDS OF SAID SALE DEDICATED TO THE CAPITAL NON-RECURRING ACCOUNT.

Attorney Martin Burke was available for questions and comment.

Discussion took place.

The motion was carried 10 to 1 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Campbell, Etre, Fox, Herbst, Motola, Oliver, Schaefer, Simon and Vale voting yes. Council Member McCoy voted no.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

1. Request for Town Council to schedule a Public Hearing regarding proposed Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #263 (An Ordinance Establishing a Local Historic Properties Commission and Designating Historic Properties and Districts.)" with the addition of the County Home School as 7.B.9 and the Talcottville Historic District redesignated as 7.B.10.

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Simon, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, SECTION 6, ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES," HEREBY SCHEDULES THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #263 (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A LOCAL HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION AND DESIGNATING HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND DISTRICTS) WITH THE ADDITION OF THE COUNTY HOME SCHOOL AS 7.B.9 AND THE TALCOTTVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT REDESIGNATED AS 7.B.10" TO BE HELD BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2006, AT 7:35 PM, AT THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE VERNON SENIOR CENTER, 26 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

Robert Hurd, chairman Local Historic Properties Commission was available for questions and comment.

Discussion was held.

The motion was carried 10 to 1 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Campbell, Etre, Fox, Herbst, Motola, Oliver, Schaefer, Simon and Vale voting yes. Council Member McCoy voted no.

(A copy of the memorandum is appended to these minutes and marked as "Appendix B.")

2. Request for Town Council to schedule a Public Hearing regarding proposed Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Concerning Landlord Registration."

Council Member Herbst, seconded by Council Member Oliver, moved that THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, SECTION 6, ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES," HEREBY SCHEDULES THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING LANDLORD REGISTRATION" TO BE HELD BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2006, AT 7:40 PM, AT THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE VERNON SENIOR CENTER, 26 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT.

Martin Burke, Town Attorney was available for questions and comment.

Discussion was held.

The motion was carried 10 to 1 on a voice vote with Council Members Anderson, Etre, Fox, Herbst, McCoy, Motola, Oliver, Schaefer, Simon and Vale voting yes. Council Member Campbell voted no.

(A copy of the memorandum is appended to these minutes and marked as "Appendix C.")

DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

A.A.I. 1. Informational items #3, 4 & 5 were added for discussion.

3. Letter from Robert Kelley, Fire Chief, that was requested by Councilmember Champagne relative to September 4th incident.

Council Members requested monthly updates pertaining to ambulance calls to be provided by Fire Chief Kelley.

4. Memorandum from Town Administrator Clark to Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Mayor regarding Mountain, Lawrence, and Webster Streets road construction project.

5. Copy of letter from Paulo Baltazar, President of Baltazar Contractors Inc. to Christopher Clark, Town Administrator regarding the reconstruction of Mountain, Lawrence, and Webster Streets.

Town Administrator Chris Clark was available for questions and comment regarding info 3 and 4.

Discussion was held.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. Minutes from Board of Education regular meeting of September 25, 2006.
2. Copy of letter from Tome and Dora Santo Christo, 432 Taylor Street, commending Tree Warden Jeff Schambach and the Department of Public Works for their help with tree removal.
3. Letter from Robert Kelley, Fire Chief, that was requested by Councilmember Champagne relative to September 4th incident.
4. Memorandum from Town Administrator Clark to Ellen L. Marmer, M.D., Mayor regarding Mountain, Lawrence, and Webster Streets road construction project.
5. Copy of letter from Paulo Baltazar, President of Baltazar Contractors Inc. to Christopher Clark, Town Administrator regarding the reconstruction of Mountain, Lawrence, and Webster Streets.

ADJOURN:

Council Member Schaefer, seconded by Council Member Etre, moved TO ADJOURN.

The motion was carried unanimously 11 to 0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Received: October 24, 2006
Approved: Vernon Town Council
November 5, 2006

Karin Z. Pike
Asst Town Clerk/Recording Secretary

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